

DIG LIVER MEETS GALE

La Savoie Burrows Through
Monster Waves While
Passengers, Panic-Struck,
Are Behind Locked
Doors Below.

THREE DAYS OF PERIL.

Heroic Deeds on Deck Amid
Avalanches of Water, While
Terror Crouched Behind the
Locked Doors of the Saloon.

La Savoie, the big new French liner,
reached her dock here to-day after pass-
ing through the worst seas her com-
mander, Capt. Poirot, ever saw on the
Atlantic.

One passenger and four of the crew
were in the hospital, all of them badly
hurt by being knocked about the ship by
the storms.

When the storm was at its height last
Tuesday a panic started among the cabin
passengers. Among the hysterical wom-
en were Mrs. F. B. Wilmerding, of New
York; Miss Shroulomb and Miss Adeline
Marl, of Paris. The sailors report that
the women tried to leave the cabin, and
would have jumped or been swept over-
board in their frenzy had not the stew-
ards locked many of them in their state-
rooms and kept guard over them.

For six hours the fear was general
throughout the boat that she would sink
at any moment. L. J. Bupian, a French
automobile manufacturer, and other
men, including William M. Fleischmann,
of Cincinnati, worked with the stewards
in quieting the panic.

The storm set in last Sunday and by
Tuesday it had raised a sea of such
magnitude that the ship was alternately
engulfed and riding on the crests of the
mountainous waves.

"For three days the propellers were
out of the water half of the time," said
the captain. "I never saw such a sea
before. I certainly have considerable re-
spect for Father Neptune now. But the
ship behaved excellently. She re-
ceived alphas which would have twisted a
less stanch vessel into scrap iron, but
she never swayed. The only damage
she suffered was the smashing of a
stanchion on the wave which wrecked the
stanchion, Capt. Poirot and sailor
Louis Durand were on the bridge. The
captain was hurled to the ropes and
bruised, but Durand was carried over
the ropes and washed to the forecastle
deck.

There another wave caught him
and hurled him with great force
over the rail. There he knifed his leg
about the wire rope of the railing, and
for two hours he was battered and
beaten against the deck and the side
of the ship by the great waves as they
washed over the ship. It was fully
three long before sailors could get out
to rescue him.

Sailor Jacques Menteau attempted to
run out and rescue his companion and
a wave swept him over the forecastle
hatchway, fracturing his collar bone
and cutting him badly about the head
and shoulders. He was unconscious
for twelve hours.

Martin Guyon, able seaman, volun-
teered to rescue Durand. As he
jumped from the protected coupe of the
upper bridge he was caught in mid-air
by a wave. To him it seemed like the
whole Atlantic Ocean. He was carried
back of the funnel, striking his head,
body and legs on the boat davits. When
carried below he was bleeding from a
dozen wounds and was unconscious.

Finally, two sailors came lay-
ing themselves along the deck, each clasping the
other's feet, making a human rope. And
so by degrees the line was extended
until the foremost man reached Durand
and made a rope fast to him. Then each of
the sailors, who had fastened their feet
to themselves before they ventured out
to the deck, were drawn back into the
forecastle.

Durand was cut and bruised all over.
Half alive he was taken to the ship's
hospital, where Dr. Marion said he had
sustained serious internal injuries.

Charles Lessard, another seaman,
washed down a back companionway and
his left leg was broken.

While the ladies' cabin was
most intense, with women trying to
break away from the men, with men
and women hurled in one way or
another, Peter Damjanovich, a Bosnian
seaman, left his stateroom and as he
tried to get into the cabin he was
tossed violently. Damjanovich was
thrown completely over a table and
banged against the wall. When he
began to come to he found that he had
been cut severely about the face and two
of his fingers were broken.

As he was carried to the hospital the
women caught of the blood flowing
from his cuts and the panic became
more intense.

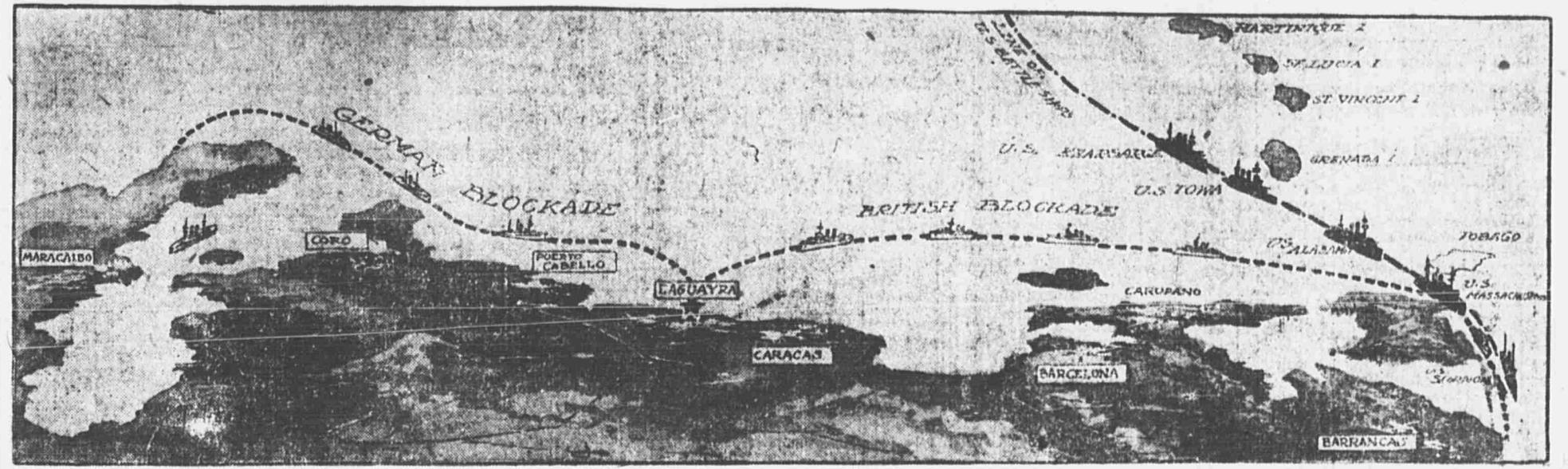
Thursday night the gale, which
was accompanied by blinding rain, came
from the southwest, subsided, and the
passengers became more calm. Sunday
the ship made 343 knots. Monday, 320
knots, and Tuesday only 373. During the worst
of the storm La Savoie was at a stand-
still.

Practical jokers on the trip made Wil-
liam M. Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, the
most unpopular man on board. Sunday
as the ship got opposite the wireless
telegraph station at Nantucket, the jok-
ers pretended that they had received a
telegram stating that Northwestern
University had allowed 30 points and
that other schools had dropped courses
pending.

Mr. Singer, a heavy holder of North-
western, told his wife that he had lost
\$10,000 or perhaps more. Fleischmann
estimated his losses at \$100,000. They
could not describe their relief when they
reached Quarantine and found they had
been the objects of a practical joke.

The ship brought fifty bales of Nor-
mandie mellestee for New York's Christ-
mas.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE GERMAN-ENGLISH BLOCKADE OF THE VENEZUELAN COAST AND THE POSITIONS OF THE AMERICAN BATTLE-SHIPS OF ADMIRAL DEWEY'S FLEET.



HUMBERTS, BIG SWINDLERS OF PARIS, CAUGHT.

All of the Principals in the \$10,000,000 Safe
Fraud Arrested by the Spanish Police
in a Hotel in Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—Mme. Humbert,
other members of the Humbert family
and M. and Mme. D'Aurignac, the broth-
er and sister-in-law of Mme. Humbert,
who became notorious in connection
with the great safe frauds in Paris, have
been arrested at the hotel here.
They have been in Madrid since May 9.
Later it became known that the police
made a clean haul of the whole family—
Mme. Humbert, her husband, Eva Hum-
bert and the three D'Aurignacs, Romain,
Emile and Marie. The police suspected
a house on the Calle Ferraz. Some
time yesterday Romain D'Aurignac was
seen to enter the building; a search
warrant was obtained and the house
was surrounded. After some difficulty
the police were admitted and arrested
the long-sought-for defaulters.

The prisoners protested that they were
the victims of infamous proceedings.
They threatened to "get even" with
certain persons in France and said they
had come to Madrid direct from Paris.
Mme. Eva became hysterical and Mme.
Humbert clasped Marie D'Aurignac and
her daughter in her arms, pleading with
the police "for the love of God not to
separate me from my daughter."
The police made an inventory of the
contents of the apartments and found
a parcel of jewels valued at \$2,000,
a couple of lottery tickets and about \$115
in cash. Seals were then attached to
the house and the whole family were
removed to jail and were placed at the
disposition of the French Ambassador.
The police suspect the Humberts of

having disposed of important papers
while delaying the entry of the officers.
The family tried to escape by the win-
dows, but failed, as the house was cor-
doned.

The prisoners were taken to the Police
Prefecture this morning. In their pocket
the police discovered \$500. The Pref-
ect of Police subsequently had an audi-
ence with King Alfonso and reported
the capture. The King congratulated
the Prefect.

"It is thus," he said, "that I like to
see the Spanish police act. I rejoice
that our police have been able to render
service to France."

The Prefect said he had known of the
presence of the Humberts for a week,
but delayed taking action until he was
assured that he had the whole party
caught.

The Humberts maintain they are in-
nocent, declare they themselves have
been victimized and say they desire to
return to France and defend themselves
against the charges.

The women of the party were much
distressed and wept continuously.

"CORBETT" WILL CALL OFF BOUT. PURROY NOW IN CROKER'S PLACE

Featherweight Champion Is
Disgusted by Opposition to
His Fight with Terry Mc-
Govern.

Deputy Chief, Promoted, Suc-
ceeds ex-Wigwam Leader's
Nephew, Who Was Ousted
from Department.

NO FORFEIT MONEY YET.

NAMES HIS OWN NEW AIDES.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—"Young Cor-
bett" was not in a cheerful mood this
morning when he tried to ascertain if
the \$5,000 forfeit that the Metropolitan
Athletic Club, of Detroit, was to have
posted earlier in the week, had arrived.
He was informed that the check still
was on the way.

"It begins to look as though Gov. Bil-
es would succeed in stopping the contest,"
said Corbett. "Even the managers of
the club appear to have formed this
opinion as shown by their failure to
come up with the guarantee money. I
will wait until to-night for the check to
arrive, and if it is not forthcoming then
I will declare the deal off so far as the
Metropolitan Club is concerned."

"I am more than anxious to meet Mc-
Govern, but I will take no long chances
on expending money to get into condi-
tion and then be compelled to back out
of the fight. I shall have a look at
the ring in which the contest is sup-
posed to take place. Nor will I go
against the law anywhere."

"If the authorities forbid the contest
in any city in which it is scheduled to
take place I shall abide by their de-
mands in the matter. If the Detroit
club fails to pull off the affair there still
is hope of my meeting McGovern either
in San Francisco or Louisville. Of
course, it will take some time to ar-
range the match in either of these other
cities. In the mean time, unless I hear
from the Detroit Club, I shall go East
and remain in and around New York
until the deal is fixed up. If the check
arrives to-day I shall begin training on
Monday. If it does not, I expect to
leave here on Monday or Tuesday for
the East."

His trainers, Harry Tuttle and Willie
Fitzgerald, will go with him.

Senior Deputy Chief Charles D. Pur-
roy assumed charge of the Fire Depart-
ment as acting chief this afternoon at
2 o'clock, taking the place of Chief
Croker, until the contest over his dis-
missal is settled by the Appellate Divi-
sion of the Supreme Court. Acting Chief
Purroy at once sent out to all the fire-
houses in the Boroughs of Manhattan
and the Bronx a copy of the order of
Commissioner Sturges giving him charge
of the reformed force. He refused to
say anything about his plans.

The first official act of the acting
Chief was to appoint Lieut. Fox, of
Hook and Ladder No. 14, his aide, and
Fireman John Gaw, of Hook and Ladder
No. 7, his messenger. These men take
the place of Capt. Oswald, who was
Chief Croker's aide, and Fireman David
Curley, who was his messenger.

Before leaving the Department yes-
terday Chief Croker transferred Capt.
Oswald to Hook and Ladder No. 8 and
Fireman Curley to Engine Company No.
14. Battalion Chief John Binns has
been appointed acting Deputy Chief.

The deposed chief, being at the Great
Jones street headquarters, received the
notification of his dismissal in this and
in no other way. Then the Commis-
sioner was asked if he would notify
the ex-Chief personally he said:

"Croker was out from the moment
that I affixed my signature to the or-
der notifying Chief Purroy of his appoint-
ment. Chief Purroy's appointment is
only temporary, however, as no civil
service law with the names of appointees
in it was ready. I shall not take any
steps to appoint a permanent Chief of
the Department until Croker's case is
settled."

The Well-Groomed Man
The Pennsylvania Special, on which he can
have his morning "rub" and shave as he
likes.

CROWING HOPE FOR VANDERBILT.

Reports from His Bedside Late
This Afternoon Indicate No
Change for the Worse, and
Physicians Are Encouraged.

TEMPERATURE REMAINS 105.

Danger from Peritonitis Is Greatly
Lessened, and Physicians Think
It May Disappear—Mrs. Vander-
bilt, Though Still Ill, Is Cheerful.

Late this afternoon Dr. Flint told a
reporter of the Evening World that
Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition had re-
mained unchanged throughout the day.

"The patient is no worse," was the
way the physician put it, "and we hope
for the best. Mr. Vanderbilt's tempera-
ture continues the same."

Drs. Janeway and DeLafeld at 9
o'clock this morning issued the follow-
ing bulletin:

"Mr. Vanderbilt passed a better night
and his condition this morning is more
favorable."
FLINT.

"JANEWAY."
"DELAFIELD."

To an Evening World reporter Dr.
DeLafeld said:

"Things look a little better this morn-
ing. Mr. Vanderbilt's condition is very
encouraging."
Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., and Dr. W. A.
Brown spent all of last night with Mr.
Vanderbilt. Dr. Janeway and Dr. DeLa-
feld are calling at the house at inter-
vals.

Peritonitis Subsiding.
At the house this morning it was defi-
nitely stated that at the time the last
examination was made the ulcerations
had not perforated the intestines, and
from this fact the doctors said it was
evident that the patient had consider-
ably more strength than was believed.
Although the temperature of the body
held at 105 for forty-eight hours, a slight
decrease in temperature of the perito-
neum led the doctors to believe that the
peritonitis was subsiding and that it might
disappear without perforating the in-
testines.

Mrs. Vanderbilt's Condition.
Much apprehension is felt for Mrs.
Cornelius Vanderbilt. Although the
members of the household and the doc-
tors insist that she is cheerful and in
constant attendance upon her husband,
it is known that she is weakened and
under the care of the doctors. The be-
lief that she is in a serious condition is
strengthened by the fact that her sis-
ters, Mrs. Michael Herbert, wife of the
British Ambassador, and Mrs. Ogden
Goebel, have been called to the house
and have remained there since, if Mrs.
Vanderbilt were not sick it is argued
that the uninterrupted presence of her
sisters would not be necessary.

At first Mrs. Ogden Goebel undertook
to see all callers, but it is said that as
much of her time was occupied with her
stricken sister that, Frank L. Polk, the
dick man's most intimate friend, was
called in to take complete charge of
the household.

Dr. Payne Whitney called at her
brother's house for the first time to-
day. Driving up in her carriage she
was admitted to the great hall, left her
card, read the bulletin and departed.
She called again later and did the same.
She saw no number of the family since
her brother's quarrel with their father
has not been spoken to Cornelius.

Reginald Vanderbilt, a brother, with
his fiancée, Miss Nielson, from whom he
is inseparable, called and Mr. Vanderbilt
left their cards. He saw none of the
family. Alfred, the son who inherited
the bulk of the fortune, which should
have gone to Cornelius, has not yet
called.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, mother of
the sick man, and his younger sister,
Gladys, are expected to arrive from
Paris on Monday.

A servant who left the Vanderbilt
house at 7 o'clock this morning said
that the sick man had passed a good
night, and that among the servants it
was believed that he had improved
slightly.

Omitted Usual Noon Visit.
An encouraging indication of the
favorable condition of Mr. Vanderbilt
was the fact that Drs. DeLafeld and
Janeway did not make the customary
noon visit to the house to-day. It was
announced late this afternoon that while
Mr. Vanderbilt's condition had improv-
ed, no change since morning, every-
thing that passes without the develop-
ment of unfavorable symptoms adds to
the hope of a favorable outcome.

CHILD PATIENT ALMOST KILLED AT LORENZ CLINIC

An Assistant's Mistake Results in Overdose of
Ether, but Prompt Measures Save
Little One's Life.

The first untoward incident attending
the demonstrations of Dr. Adolph Lorenz
in this city occurred to-day in the
Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, where
one of his little patients almost died
under his hands from an overdose of
ether. It was a distressing operation
from the fact that the accidental break-
ing of a bottle of ether caused a tem-
porary scarcity of the fluid in the op-
erating room and the child passed from
under the influence of the anesthetic for
a few moments. It was in an en-
deavor to render her speedily insensate
that the overdose of ether was adminis-
tered. The child will recover.

About 500 of the most prominent sur-
geons and physicians of Brooklyn had
assembled at the Kings County Hospital
when Dr. Lorenz arrived to begin his
demonstration. The Austrian surgeon
was accompanied to Brooklyn by his as-
sistant, Dr. Frederic Mueller. Under
the guidance of Dr. Falkowski the vic-
tims were taken through the hospital.

Some twenty children suffering from
congenital disease of the hip were await-
ing Dr. Lorenz. He chose two of these
to be operated on, and in addition a case
of club foot. The first patient brought
into the operating room was Mary Don-
nelly, six years of age, suffering from
a single dislocation of the right hip.

Dr. Lorenz reduced the dislocation in
three minutes. Then he began to manip-
ulate the leg in order to exercise and
stretch the ligaments, keeping up a
running conversation of instruction.

Doctor Drops Bottle.
One of his most interested auditors
was Dr. Arthur Doig, of the house
staff, to whom had been entrusted the
task of keeping the little patient under
the influence of ether. So eager was
Dr. Doig to keep in touch with every-
thing going on that he became excited
and dropped the bottle of ether he had
been using to the floor.

The bottle broke and the fluid scat-
tered over the doctors who were gath-
ered around the operating table. There
was no more ether in the room—none
nearer than the storeroom and Dr.
Doig, knowing that the child would not
remain insensible long unless the ad-
ministration of the anesthetic was
kept up, made a rush for a new supply.

There was a big crowd around the
door and he had difficulty in getting
through. He was gone for several min-
utes, while the excitement in the op-
erating room was at fever heat.
In the mean time Dr. Lorenz was work-
ing with marvellous rapidity to get the
child in readiness to be placed in the
plaster cast by Dr. Mueller. But in the
height of his manipulations the little
sufferer recovered her senses.

The Pity of It.
She screamed in agony at the tremen-
dous turning and twisting of her leg
and implored the big surgeon to desist.
"Please stop," she cried, "you hurt me
so."

Dr. Doig returned as the child was
screaming. Hurrying to her he adjusted
the cone and poured out a powerful
dose of the drug. The little one gasped
and struggled, while Dr. Lorenz, his
face expressing grave concern, kept
up his manipulations.

The Overdose.
Suddenly one of the doctors gathered
around the table cried out an order
for a pair of forceps. Then came an order
for the respiration tank. Dr. Lorenz
and Dr. Mueller ceased working with
the limb of the child and began to ex-
ercise the arms to restore artificial res-
piration. The tank was hurried in, and
after twelve doctors had hurriedly band-
aged the child, the little one was re-
turned to the operating room.

When she became insensible again and
was out of danger of collapse, Dr. Mu-
eller arranged the plaster cast and she
was wheeled from the room. It is not
believed that any serious results will
follow as the operation was entirely
successful, from a surgical point of view.

Dr. Lorenz had intended to perform
an operation on John Kaninski, a five-
year-old child, suffering from double
dislocation of the hip joints, but de-
cided to give the case to the hospital
surgeons to be attended to later. He
took Emil Hausman, seven months old,
a sufferer from two club feet. It re-
mains to be seen how the child will
come out of the operation, which was
performed on a surgical point of view.

Among the prominent Brooklyn sur-
geons who witnessed the operations were
Drs. George Jeffrey, J. A. McKee,
Bristow, De La Tour, Fairbairn, J. B.
Bogart, Campbell and Figueroa. Sheriff
Norman Dill and Charles Commissioner
of Charles E. Feale were interested spec-
tators.

From Kings County Hospital Dr. Lo-
renz went to St. Mark's Hospital, where
he examined some cases but did not per-
form any operations. Later in the after-
noon he held a clinic in the Hospital for
Ruptured and Crippled in this borough.

FIRE IN BRADLEY MARTIN'S BROTHER'S HOME DUE TO GAS

While a servant in the house of James E. Martin, brother of
Bradley Martin, at No. 803 Fifth avenue, was attending to the
burned fire this afternoon he accidentally broke off the gas
bracket in the wall.

The escaping gas became ignited and set fire to the wood-
work. The servant ran upstairs and informed Mrs. Martin, who
quietly telephoned to Fire Headquarters. The firemen found
that the flames had eaten through the floor. After tearing out
some of the woodwork the firemen extinguished the flames
easily.

MAN RUN DOWN AND KILLED BY FIRE PATROL.

An unidentified man who was crossing the Bowery at Hous-
ton street late this afternoon was run down and killed by a fire
patrol that was dashing to a fire. The man was about sixty
years old.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fourth Race—Moor 1, The Lady 2, Jessie Jarboe 3.
Fifth Race—John Peters 1, Harry New 2, Boaster 3.

WAR OR PEACE LEFT BY POWERS WITH ROOSEVELT

President Eager to Settle the Venezuelan
Dispute, but He Feels that It Would
Be a Great Victory for Peace if Left
to The Hague Tribunal.

It Is Pointed Out That No Matter How
Just His Decision Might Be It Would
Cause the Defeated Party to Feel
Angry Toward the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt does not
wish to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute, as has been
suggested by the powers, for as such it is felt here he would be at
once judge, jury and constable, and would be under the moral obli-
gation to execute his own judgment. The President feels that a
reference to The Hague tribunal would vastly strengthen the cause
of arbitration.

Still, rather than see the present dispute proceed to extremes, it is prob-
able the President will reluctantly assume the duties of arbitrator.

It is fully realized that any decision rendered by him in that capacity
would be sure to bring him the enmity of one or the other of the parties to
the controversy, and this fact was pointed out to the President early in the
week by a leading Senator who had been called into consultation. Never-
theless, to prevent bloodshed and the destruction of property and inter-
ference with great commercial interests that would result in loss it is
believed that the President would assume the charge, providing his own
view cannot prevail.

An important fact developed to-day is that the punitive measures about
to be instituted, and in fact now in force in some degree, will not be sus-
pended by the allies until a definite agreement is reached as to arbitration.

Venezuela also has been told through Minister Bowen that the President
would welcome a reference of the dispute to The Hague tribunal. While
no direct reply has been received, it is not doubted that the reply would be
favorable if the other parties consented to such reference.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The text of the blockade proclamation in Venezuela,
which goes in effect to-day, is as follows:

"Foreign Office, Dec. 20, 1902.
"It is hereby notified that as the United States of Venezuela have failed
to comply with the demands of His Majesty's Government a blockade by
His Majesty's naval forces of the ports of La Guayra, Carenero, Guanta,
Cumana and Carupano and the mouth of the Orinoco is declared, and such
blockade will be effectively maintained from and after the twentieth of
December, subject to the allowance of the following days of grace:

"For vessels sailing before the date of this notification from West In-
dian ports and ports on the east coast of the Continent of America—ten
days for steamers and twenty days for sailing vessels.

"From all other ports, twenty days for steamers and forty days for
sailing vessels.

"For vessels lying in the ports now declared to be blockaded, fifteen
days.

"Vessels which attempt to violate the blockade will render themselves
liable to all measures authorized by the law of nations and by the respec-
tive treaties between His Majesty and the different neutral powers."

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 20.—The United States cruiser Albany,
the French cruiser Troude and the British cruiser Retribution have just
arrived here.

The Foreign Office says the blockade of the Venezuelan coast will not
be relaxed until the owners enforcing their claims agree on a method for
the arbitration of their respective cases, and Venezuela shows a disposi-
tion to act sincerely.

Stress is laid on the difficulty, in view of the diversity of the claims in
deciding on a method of presentation, and on the proximity of the nego-
tiations, which will be involved before a settlement it in sight. It is not
definitely decided whether separate cases can be embodied in one document,
should the projected arbitration take definite shape.

GEN. CHAFFEE WILL COMMAND ARMY. CRIPPLED COLLIER IS ADRIFF AT SEA.

War Department Announces
that He Will Succeed Gen.
Young.

Steamer Minnetonka, Her Life-
boats Gone, Is Helpless 900
Miles Off Nova Scotia Coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is stated
at the War Department that Gen. Chaf-
fee will succeed Gen. Young as Lieu-
tenant-General of the army upon the
retirement of Gen. Young, who will
succeed Gen. Miles.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 20.—The
steamer Minnetonka is reported in dis-
tress nine hundred miles off Halifax.
Her boiler and steering gear are dis-
abled. Her lifeboats also have been
washed overboard. The Minnetonka is
a coal barge.

The Dominion liner Colman, which
arrived to-day, sighted the Minnetonka,
which was displaying distress signals,
last Saturday. The Colman ran out to
line and took the Minnetonka in tow for
twelve hours. Then two hawyers parted,
and threatening weather forced Capt.
Bullock, of the Colman to proceed to
Portland.

Woman Postmaster Named.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Miss M. C.
Woolley to-day was appointed fourth-
class postmaster at Watford, N. Y.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Forecast for the thirty-six
hours ending at 8 P. M. Sun-
day for New York City and
vicinity: Rain to-night and
Sunday; fresh easterly winds,
increasing Sunday morning
to brisk.